

COMMISSION CONNECTION

Newsletter of the Kentucky Commission on Women

Strengthening Kentucky by Strengthening Kentucky Women

'A New Vision for Kentucky' brings hundreds to Summit

This past June marked the culmination of over two years of work by hundreds of Kentuckians, at the Summit on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women. Over 300 Kentuckians from 40 counties converged in Frankfort to participate in the first of what is hoped will become a biennial event managed by the Kentucky Commission on Women (KCW).

"A New Vision for Kentucky," the final report of the Governor's Task Force on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women, was officially released at the Summit. The report focuses on recommendations for improving the economic lives of Kentucky women in five areas: economic sufficiency, education, equity, leadership, and well-being. A separate report on the issues faced by women employed by state government was also released. Both reports, and an appendix that lists models and resources currently available in Kentucky and elsewhere, can be accessed by visiting the KCW Web site at www.women.ky.gov or by calling the KCW office at 502/564-6643.

"Loved the opportunity to network and the enthusiasm of all the participants—I have the feeling this may really work!"

—Summit participant

The purpose of the Summit was to get to work on making the recommendations of the Task Force a reality. Summit participants spent most of their time in facilitated working sessions, creating specific strategies for each of the over 150 recommendations included in the two reports. They brainstormed about what needs to be done in order to implement the recommendations and who should be involved in the process.



Participants, such as the woman shown above, posted "I will" statements on the wall of the Civic Center, committing to improve the status of women in their communities.

Participants also heard from a dynamic group of speakers at the event. First Lady Judi Patton, honorary Co-chair of the Task Force, kicked off the Summit. "As I look back on the past eight years, this project to improve the status of Kentucky's women will be one of my proudest legacies," she told the crowd. "We are not done yet, but we have reached a milestone in this process and I look forward to your continued support and involvement. And I also look forward to the SECOND Summit on Kentucky's Women in 2005."

Members of the Governor's Task Force on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women presented an overview of recommendations from the report. Representative Robin Webb (D-96) presented recommendations related to leadership and well-being, Representative Jon Draud (R-63) presented those that involve economic sufficiency and education, and Beverly Watts, Executive Director of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, presented recommendations that address issues of equity and the recommendations made by the committee on women in state government.

Heidi Hartmann, Ph.D., CEO of the Institute for Women's Policy Research in Washington, DC, provided a national context for the progress being made in Kentucky. Eleanor Jordan, Executive Director of the Cabinet for Families and Children Office of the Ombudsman, brought the discussion back to Kentucky.

Ms. Jordan told participants, "Your charge today is to begin to arrive at real solutions, real strategies for women to rise above economic injustice. Your charge is to challenge the status quo, to stop business as usual, and to rewrite standard operating procedure!"

On Saturday, former governor Martha Layne Collins delivered the keynote address during a luncheon in the Civic Center. The Summit wrap up, lead by Dr. Marlene Helm, Secretary of the Education, Arts, and Humanities Cabinet, provided a chance for participants to reflect on their work and the accomplishments of the two-day event.

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In Kentucky, 'The West Wing' is for women of distinction

In the Kentucky Capitol, the West Wing is full of women—women who have been honored by the Kentucky Commission on Women for their historic accomplishments or achievements.

Do you know of a Kentucky woman who should be there? Nominate her for *Kentucky Women Remembered* before October 31 and she may have a place in the West Wing of Kentucky's Capitol!

KCW created the original *Kentucky Women Remembered* exhibit in 1978. It is composed of watercolor portraits of outstanding women of Kentucky, past and present.

Kentucky Women Remembered became a permanent exhibit in the West Wing of the Capitol in 1996. Now, thousands of visitors to our state Capitol view the portraits each year and learn about the heritage and contributions of Kentucky women.

To be included in the *Kentucky Women Remembered* exhibit, a woman must have contributed something significant to Kentucky or the nation, excelled in her chosen field, or played an important role in history. See page 3 for a list of *Kentucky Women Remembered* honorees.

Nominees must have been born in or spent a significant part of their lives in Kentucky and may be living or deceased. This exhibit honors outstanding Kentucky women and their lifetime achievements, therefore nominees should have reached the pinnacle of their careers or other chosen pursuits. **Nominations must be received or postmarked by October 31 to be considered!**

A committee of KCW board members and others will choose the *Kentucky Women Remembered* honorees from the nominations. The portrait unveiling will take place in the Capitol Rotunda on March 5, 2004 and the new portraits will then be hung in the West Wing.

A copy of the nomination form is included in this newsletter. To learn more about the program or to access the nomination form online, please visit the KCW Web site at www.women.ky.gov.



Katherine Peden sees her portrait for the first time at the 2003 Kentucky Women Remembered unveiling. Rep. Tanya Pullin, Rep. Kathy Stein, Rep. Robin Webb, and 2003 Kentucky Women Remembered Honoree First Lady Judi Patton are also pictured.

New center focuses on violence against women

by Carol Jordan

Acting Director, University of Kentucky Center for Research on Violence Against Women

In September 2002, the Patton Administration joined University of Kentucky President Lee Todd to create a specialized Center for Research on Violence Against Women. Creation of the Center grew out of a recognized need to strengthen research and graduate education on domestic violence, rape, stalking and related crimes against women.

The research agenda of the UK Center will focus on four primary areas. First, in recognition of the profound effect that victimization can have on the life of a woman, the Center will focus research efforts on the health and mental health impact of violence against women and how professionals can intervene to remedy its harmful effects. Secondly, by definition, domestic violence, rape and stalking are criminal offenses which result in women encountering the legal system to seek protection or civil or criminal justice. As a result, the Center's research focus will also encompass the legal aspects of these crimes. Third, underlying all the Center's research efforts will be a focus on collaboration between researchers and practitioners in the field, and how research can be translated into what professionals and advocates do each day on behalf of women victimized by

violence. Finally, the Center will also coordinate national research conferences and think tanks to provide a forum through which the national research agenda in the area of violence against women can be strengthened. The first of those events will be a national conference entitled, "Toward a National Research Agenda on Violence Against Women" which will be held in Lexington October 1-2, 2003.

In addition to research, the mission of the UK Center for Research on Violence Against Women also includes education and scholarship. In order to strengthen the ability of key professionals to address violence against women in their professional practices, the Center will develop graduate curricula for students in psychology, social work, law, medicine, nursing, public policy, gender studies and other disciplines on how to intervene effectively with victims and offenders. Finally, the Center will also devote attention to public policy and leadership, specifically attending to women who work to end gendered violence.

For additional information on the UK Center for Research on Violence Against Women, contact: Carol E. Jordan, M.S., at cjordan@mail.state.ky.us or

Kentucky Women Remembered honorees exemplify women's contributions

The following women have been named Kentucky Women Remembered. Their home counties are in parentheses after their names, followed by a brief overview of their achievements and/or contributions. To see their portraits, visit www.women.ky.gov/Award%20Recipients.htm.

Sophia Kindrick Alcorn (Boyle):

Developed Tadoma method for teaching deaf/blind children.

Anne Braden (Jefferson): Activist, writer, and community organizer.

Madeline McDowell Breckenridge (Fayette): Social activist.

Mary Breckenridge (Leslie/Knott/Perry): Founded Frontier Nursing Service in 1925.

Dr. Louise Caudill (Rowan): Physician for over 50 years.

Anna Mac Clarke (Anderson): 1st African American woman to command white troops in WWII.

Laura Clay (Fayette): Women's rights activist.

Rosemary Clooney (Mason): Singer and actress.

Gov. Martha Layne Collins (Shelby): 1st female Kentucky governor.

Jane Todd Crawford (Green): 1st person to have successful abdominal surgery without anesthesia.

Emma Guy Cromwell (Scott): 1st woman elected to statewide office.

Dolores Delahanty (Jefferson): Advocate for women's and children's rights.

Mary "Cissy" Peterson Gregg (Harrison/Jefferson): Nutritionist.

Eula Hall (Floyd): Social activist.

Josephine Kirby Williamson Henry (Woodford): Activist and suffragist.

Dr. Allie Hixson (Adair): Prominent feminist leader.



This portrait of Jean Ritchie hangs in the West Wing of the Kentucky Capitol in the Kentucky Women Remembered exhibit.

Julia Britton Hooks (Franklin):

Musical prodigy and professor of music.

Margaret Ingels (Bourbon): 1st African American woman to earn a degree from UK in mechanical engineering.

Mae Street Kidd (Bourbon): Civic leader, businesswoman, and politician.

Lucille Caudill Little (Fayette): Civic philanthropist.

Judi Conway Patton (Pike): Champion for the protection of families and children.

Katherine Graham Peden (Christian): Politician, businesswoman, and member of the first President's Commission on the Status of Women.

Mary T. Meagher Plant (Jefferson): U.S. Olympic gold medallist and world record holder.

Georgia Davis Powers (Jefferson): 1st African American and first woman in the Kentucky State Senate.

Sara "Sadie" Frances Price (Warren): Botanist and nature artist.

Dr. Sarah Felt Richardson (Hart): Physician, performed first successful breast cancer surgery.

Jean Ritchie (Perry): Author, songwriter, and performer.

Lucy Harth Smith (Fayette): Teacher and activist.

Louise Southgate, M.D. (Kenton): Physician and suffragist.

Mother Catherine Spalding (Nelson): Religious activist and teacher.

Ann Stokes (Muhlenberg): Activist for the elderly.

Carol Sutton (Jefferson): 1st female editor of a major newspaper.

Caroline "Carry" Burnam Taylor (Warren): Fashion designer and businesswoman.

Julia Ann Hieronymous Tevis (Shelby): Founder Science Hill Academy.

Delia Webster (Trimble): Worked in The Underground Railroad.

Myrtle Weldon (Fayette): Social activist.

Judge Judy Moberly West (Kenton): First female judge appointed to the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

Harriet Drury Van Meter (Fayette): Founded the International Book Project.

Enid Yandell (Jefferson): Sculptor.

Launching Women Lobbyists: A Workshop for Citizens

Understanding the Legislative Process and Communicating Effectively with Elected Officials

November 19, 2003
Capitol Annex
Frankfort, KY

Visit the KCW Web site at www.women.ky.gov or call 502/564-6643 for more information!

FREE--Registration Required

A project of the Kentucky Commission on Women

KCW welcomes new board members

In March of 2003, Governor Paul Patton appointed four women and two men to fill vacancies on the Kentucky Commission on Women. KCW has a board membership comprised of the Lieutenant Governor and not more than an additional 25 members including the chair; members serve terms of four years. We are thrilled to have such a diverse group join the KCW board and look forward to working with them.

Lindsay Campbell: Lindsay is on staff at the Office of the Attorney General where, among other duties, she administers the Child Victims Trust Fund. Lindsay is also a former longtime employee of KCW where she created publications, worked on legislative and policy reports, and coordinated KCW events. She is an active member of the Kentucky Women's Political Caucus and the Kentucky Women's Leadership Network.

Nancy Eskridge: Nancy is a contract designer and regional manufacturing representative for J.C. Morton & Associates. She is also an elected member of the Owensboro Board of Education and a graduate of Leadership Kentucky. She has worked with Girls Incorporated, the Owensboro Women's Coalition, and the Owensboro chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Eleanor Jordan: Eleanor was appointed in 2001 as the Executive Director of the Office of the Ombudsman for the Cabinet for Families and Children. Prior to her service in the executive branch, Eleanor served three terms in the Kentucky House of Representatives where she acquired a reputation as a strong advocate for the rights of women, children,

the disabled, and the elderly. She recently served as a member of the Governor's Task Force on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women.

Kathy McCormick: Kathy is a union administrative organizer with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) District 1199 for West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio. She is the first woman to be elected to the Kentucky AFL-CIO Board where she is recording secretary. Kathy resides in Olive Hill and also serves on the Executive Board of the Boyd County United Way.

Dr. David A. Nash: David Nash is the William R. Willard Professor of Dental Education at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, where he served as dean from 1987 to 1997. His current interest is in bioethics, which he teaches at the UK College of Medicine and the School of Public Health. Dr. Nash also chairs the Ethics Committee of the University of Kentucky Hospital. He is a former chair of the Planned Parenthood of the Bluegrass Board of Directors.

Abraham Williams, Jr.: Abraham is the Executive Director of the Housing Authority in Bowling Green. He came to Kentucky in 1995 after serving as an Administrative Assistant and Housing Director in Phenix City, Alabama. During his tenure in Bowling Green, the Housing Authority has won numerous awards including three from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Abraham was named a Hometown hero by WBKO-TV in 2000, and the Bowling Green Noon Lions Club Citizen of the Year in 2002.

Help mark women's history on Kentucky state highways

As you read in the last edition of *Commission Connection*, KCW has joined with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Kentucky Historical Society, and the League of Women Voters of Kentucky to encourage the placement of Kentucky Highway Markers that recognize women and their contributions to the Commonwealth.

There are over 2,000 markers on our roadsides and only 60 are dedicated to women. We are pleased to announce that seven new markers will be dedicated to women next spring. These markers will honor:

- **Murray Atkins Walls**, a civil rights activist who integrated the Kentuckiana Girl Scouts;
- **Enid Yandell**, a renowned sculptor;
- **Ann I. Baker**, first president of Kentucky Business & Professional Women;
- **Mary Elliott Flanery**, first female in the Kentucky General Assembly;
- **Sophia Alcorn**, inventor of a method to teach deaf-blind people to speak;
- Site of meeting where **Susan B. Anthony** and **Carrie C. Catt** spoke; and
- **Jennie Benedict**, restaurateur who invented "Benedictine spread."

We need many more markers of women's history, and we urge you to complete applications for women leaders who once lived in your community. The applications are due twice a year, October 1 and April 1. Contact Dianne Wells at the Kentucky Historical Society for the application form at 1-877-444-7867 (toll free) or at Dianne.Wells@mail.state.ky.us.

The application process requires primary sources that document the information provided in the application (letters, diaries, newspaper articles, etc.). Each bronze marker costs \$1700, and there are many companies and individuals who will underwrite such a worthwhile project for Kentucky women's history. The individual or organization sponsoring the marker will be permanently recognized on the marker.

Help us to recognize the many Kentucky women who have left their mark on the Commonwealth. Nominate a woman from your community.

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 4--VOTE!!

Did you know:

- 67.8% of Kentucky women are registered to vote?
- 49.6% of registered Kentucky women voted in the 1998 and 2000 federal elections?
- Nearly 500,000 Kentucky women aren't registered to vote?

Women are over half the commonwealth's population and could have a great impact on this election. If you are not a registered voter, join us at the polls by turning in a voter registration card before October 6.

Voter registration cards are available at your county clerk's office or online at www.sos.state.ky.us/Elecfil/register/reginstruction.asp.

REMEMBER--YOU MUST REGISTER BY OCTOBER 6 TO VOTE!

Kentucky women are on the move and gaining recognition

Many women in Kentucky are making great things happen, for themselves, for their communities, and for other women. KCW would like to share the accomplishments of a few Kentucky women who have made some real moves in recent months.

Ann Coffey: Ann was named executive director of the Women 4 Women Fund in October 2002. Ann previously served as Deputy Commissioner and Director of Integrated Marketing for the Kentucky Department of Travel. She was also a founding partner in Z Marketing Company and served as a senior account manager at the advertising firm Doe Anderson.

Women 4 Women is a nonprofit organization that sponsors a series of events that focus on issues related to girls and women. The 10-year-old fund has raised more than \$1.1 million and dispersed more than \$725,000 in grants to area organizations focusing on issues related to women and girls.

Chrissi Egan: In August, Chrissi flew to Washington, D.C. to receive the prestigious Yoshiyama Award for Exemplary Service from the Hitachi Foundation. The award was given to 10 high school seniors and recognizes exemplary service and community involvement.

Chrissi received the award because she did something about the many inequities she noticed in the facilities, payment of coaches, and treatment of male and female athletes in her high school. At her urging, her parents and others sued the Boone County School District to force compliance with Title IX, a federal law requiring gender equity in education. Federal judges agreed with her, and the Boone County case and decision spurred many other Kentucky schools to take steps toward equality in high school sports.

Janet Holloway: Janet was just named Independent Business Professional of 2003 by the Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce. Janet is the owner of j.holloway & associates, a business and professional development firm.

Janet is also involved with Women Leading Kentucky, a coalition of women and men committed to creating business and leadership opportunities for women in Kentucky. Janet organizes and coordinates the annual Women

Leading Kentucky Women's Business and Leadership Conference.

Viola Miller: Secretary Miller received the National Governors' Association (NGA) Award for Distinguished Service to State Government in the state official category at the NGA summer meeting in August 2003. The awards recognize valuable civil servants and private citizens and emphasize the commitment of state administrators and the important contributions private citizens make to state government.

Secretary Miller has served as the secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children for nearly eight years. She has overseen the total restructuring of the cabinet, guided the implementation of welfare reform, and had child and adult protective services

accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Children and Family Services.

Beth Wilson: Beth was recently named executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky. She had been the Director of the ACLU of Kentucky's Reproductive Freedom Project since 1993, serving as an organizer, lobbyist, and advocate for reproductive rights throughout the Commonwealth.

Beth is a Cincinnati native and was a reporter for the *Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer* and *The Louisville Times* in the 1980s before entering graduate school. She earned a masters degree in social work and worked for almost four years as a reproductive health counselor before joining the ACLU.



Hannah Baird is the longest serving chair of the KCW board in its 39-year history. Her leadership as chair for the last eight years and her passion for improving the lives of Kentucky women have been an inspiration to the board and staff.

**Save
The
Date**

**MARCH FOR FREEDOM
OF CHOICE**

**April 25, 2004
Washington, DC
www.marchforchoice.org**

Summit (from page 1)

Eleanor Jordan returned to the stage, along with Representative Kathy Stein (D-75), to close the event. These two energetic speakers challenged everyone present to return to their communities with plans for making the recommendations happen.

Following the Summit, participants were invited to stay and participate in yet another historic event—a gubernatorial candidate forum devoted entirely to issues addressed in the Task Force report.

Candidates in this fall's election for Kentucky governor addressed questions based on issues identified in the final report of the Task Force. The candidate forum was organized and sponsored by the Women Vote 2003 Coalition, made up of fourteen Kentucky women's organizations. The moderator was Renee Shaw of KET.

A panel of Kentucky media members included Joy Campbell of the *Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer*, Sam Dick of WKYT-TV, Jamie Lucke of the *Lexington Herald-Leader*, and Chuck Olmstead of WHAS-TV. Each panelist asked their own questions of each candidate, and Shaw asked written questions submitted by Summit participants and audience members.

According to KCW Board Chair Hannah Baird, "This Summit is a historic meeting, an opportunity for women and men from all walks of life to help make Kentucky a better place for women and their families. It is the culmination of two years worth of work by hundreds of volunteers and the KCW board and staff, but the work to improve the lives of Kentucky women has just begun."

What next??

KCW is currently working on plans to ensure that the momentum for change continues! Many ideas for "next steps" have been generated, and KCW is considering them all. One thing is certain—we will need YOUR help and YOUR input. Visit the KCW Web site at www.women.ky.gov for the latest news and updates, and give us your feedback! If you have ideas about making the recommendations of the Task Force a reality, or you have made progress in your community and you want us to know, contact us at KCW@mail.state.ky.us, 502/564-6643, or 312 West Main Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.



In the working session on state government employees, Summit participants covered the walls with pages of ideas on improving the status of women in state government.



Former Kentucky governor Martha Layne Collins served as the keynote speaker for the Summit.

What did Summit attendees have to say?

"I thought the speakers were absolutely excellent! I'm so glad I had the opportunity to hear those present. It gave me great reassurance in my own life."

—Summit participant

"It is wonderful to have the opportunity to meet with other women from all over the state and from all walks of life."

—Summit participant

COMMISSION CONNECTION to be available as electronic newsletter

In order to save printing and mailing costs and to respond to requests from subscribers, KCW will offer the next edition of this newsletter as a PDF file. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically instead of in hard copy form, please send an e-mail to KCW@mail.state.ky.us. When the newsletter is posted on the KCW Web site, you will receive an e-mail with a link to the publication.

Be sure to include your name and address in your e-mail so we will know not to send you a hard copy in the future. Your information will remain in the mailing list for other future KCW mailings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2003)

OCTOBER

(Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month)

1 "Domestic Violence: Past and Present," Kentucky Historical Society Brown Bag History Series, Kentucky History Center, noon-1:00 p.m., Frankfort Free. For adults. Contact Joanie DiMartino at 502/564-1792 ext. 4467 or joan.dimartino@mail.state.ky.us.

1-2 "Toward a National Research Agenda on Violence Against Women," UK Center for Research on Violence Against Women, times and location TBA, Lexington Topics will include advocacy vs. research, community and justice responses, offender typologies, and issues of risk to women. Contact Marigail Sexton at 502/564-2611 or visit www.gocadvs.ky.gov for more information.

3 Kentucky Women in Agriculture Kickoff Meeting and Dinner, Cave City Convention Center, 5 p.m. CDT, Clay City Optional events before the meeting are a Home-based Microprocessor Workshop and Agricultural Diversification Tour. To register or for more information, visit www.kywomeninag.com.

4 "Fundamental Concepts in Serving Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault," Kentucky Domestic Violence Association, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Louisville This is Module 1 of a Training Series presented by the Kentucky Battered Immigrant and Refugee Women Task Force. IN SPANISH. Contact Isela Arras at 502/695-2444 or iarras@kdva.org for more information.

4 "A Day at the Farm," ACLU, 3:00-6:00 p.m., Prospect Music, food, pony rides and other entertainment for children. Proceeds benefit the ACLU of Kentucky's Reproductive Freedom Project. For more information or reservations, call the ACLU of Kentucky at 502/581-9746.

13-17 Sexual Assault Response Team Training, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Louisville FREE The program is the first step in becoming a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE). Also serves as an educational opportunity for physicians, nurses, law enforcement, prosecutors, and social service professionals. Sponsored by the Center for Women and Families. Contact John Vereb at 502/226-2704 or jvereb@kasap.org for more information.

22-26 Annual Conference, North American Association of Christians in Social Work, Galt House, Louisville Plenary sessions, workshops, entertainment, and a service project are on the agenda. Visit www.nacsw.org for more information.

28 6th Annual Luncheon Celebration, Project Women, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Louisville Event includes silent auction, luncheon, and keynote speaker. Call 502/581-8091 for more information.

NOVEMBER

3-7 Grantsmanship Training Program, Berea College, Bruce Trades Complex (106 Main Street), Berea Provided by The Grantsmanship Center (www.tgci.com), hosted by Berea College's Office of Special Programs. Cost is \$775. Contact Dreama Gentry at 859/985-3853 or dreama-gentry@berea.edu for more information.

6, 10, 13, 17, 20 RAD Self-Defense for Women, evenings, Bowling Green Total of 10 hours of self-defense training. Class limited to 20 students, \$55 fee. Call 270/842-4281 to register. For more information, contact Misty Johnson or Lindsey Lee at 270/782-5014.

8 Bowl-a-thon, Center for Women and Families, Blackston Bowl, 12 noon, Clarksville, IN Will benefit Center for Women and Families services in Southern Indiana. Contact Elaina Cain at 502/581-7239 for more information.

18 Women Lawyers Association Annual Dinner, Seelbach Hilton Hotel (500 South Fourth Street), 6:30 p.m., Louisville Peter J. Neufeld, cofounder of the Innocence Project at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York City is the guest speaker. Cost of the dinner is \$35.00, payable in advance to WLA. To make reservations, call 502/681-0643 or e-mail at wla@stites.com.

DECEMBER

1-5 SANE/SART Institute, Marriott Griffin Gate Hotel, Lexington The program is the first step in becoming a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE). Also serves as an educational opportunity for physicians, nurses, law enforcement, prosecutors, and social service professionals. Sponsored by the Center for Women and Families. Contact John Vereb at 502/226-2704 or jvereb@kasap.org for more information.

2-5 5th Annual Ending Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Conference, Marriott Griffin Gate Resort, Lexington Fees vary. Early bird registration deadline is October 24. For more information contact KASAP at 502/226-2704, KDVA at 502/695-2444, or visit www.kasap.org.

3 Legal Assistance for Victims Institute, Marriott Griffin Gate Resort, Lexington Specialized training for attorneys and victim advocates interested in civil legal representation for victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking. For more information, contact Kimberly Hosea at 502/226-2704.

Message from the Executive Director



On behalf of the Kentucky Commission on Women Board of Directors and staff, I want to thank you, our supporters, for your incredible help and participation over the past eight years. During this administration, KCW has launched six new major initiatives: Women in Kentucky: Our Legacy, Our Future; Kentuckywomen List; Launching Women Lobbyists; Taking Your Voice to Frankfort: Town Meetings; the Governor's Task Force on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women; and the Summit on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women. Through these projects, combined with our many ongoing programs, publications and associations, KCW now touches the lives of more Kentucky women than at any other time in our 39-year history.

Thanks to the efforts of Governor Paul Patton and First Lady Judi Patton, we have had more appointments of women to judicial posts and the executive cabinet than in any previous administration. Female participation on state boards and commissions has increased from 31 to 43 percent. More than 20 separate pieces of legislation have been proposed that address violence against women. Funding for domestic violence and rape crisis programs has increased 60 percent in the past seven years. Women's health has received greater attention in this administration through creation of a breast cancer task force and the Office of Women's Physical and Mental Health.

The Kentucky Commission on Women looks forward to celebrating our 40th birthday in 2004. We are eager to work with our next governor in order to continue to strengthen Kentucky by strengthening Kentucky women.

Betsy Nowland-Curry
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